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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8500
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGUI 0693

LAGOS FOR RSO

NAIROBI FOR RMO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, AMSG
SUBJECT: COMSEC MARINES

REF: A. BANGUI 0595; B. STATE 080273

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED ISSUE OF ARMING OF EMBASSY
CONSTRUCTION SECURITY PERSONNEL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
MOKODOPO, APRIL 12. NOTING THAT WE WERE PRESSING
AHEAD WITH RENOVATION OF NEW CHANCERY AND HAD ASSIGNED
TO THE EMBASSY SIX PERSONS FOR SURVEILLANCE OF CHAN-
CERY SECURITY, AMBASSADOR ASKED GOCAE'S AUTHORIZATION
TO ARM MARINES. HE NOTED THAT GUARD POST WOULD BE
ENTIRELY INTERNAL TO RENOVATED BUILDING AND THAT WEAPONS
WOULD ONLY BE USED IN SELF-DEFENSE. FOREIGN MINISTER
RESPONDED THAT WHILE NO GENERAL PERMISSION FOR CARRYING
OF ARMS COULD BE GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT AUTHORIZE
ARMS IN A SPECIFIC CASE SUCH AS THIS, PARTICULARLY IF
ARMS WERE ONLY FOR INTERNAL PROTECTION PURPOSES. HE
SUGGESTED WE SEND A FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON THE
SUBJECT. HE SAID HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE INTERIOR
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MINISTRY GAVE PROMPT CONSIDERATION TO OUR REQUEST.
(COMMENT: WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO SEND SUCH A NOTE
PROMPTLY. HOPEFULLY WE WILL GET A POSITIVE RESPONSE,
THOUGH WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN HOW EXPEDITIOUSLY GOCAE
WILL ACT.)

2. IN THE MEANTIME EMBASSY HAS TAKEN NECESSARY STEPS TO

ARM MARINES WITH MACE. THEY HAVE RADIO COMMUNICATION
LINKING THEM WITH BOTH THE SEABEES AND EMBASSY DUTY
OFFICER. MARINES' POST HAS BEEN RESTRICTED TO INTERIOR
OF BUILDING. LOG IS BEING MAINTAINED.
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